

REMARKS

A *substitute* Specification has been prepared and is submitted herewith. Applicant has made proposed corrections to certain of the Drawings and a set of these Drawings, showing the proposed corrections in "red" ink, is also submitted herewith.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1 through 20 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended Claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-15, cancelled claims 16-20, and added new Claims 21-26, to overcome the foregoing rejections set forth in the *first* OFFICE ACTION.

In general, all internal quotation marks have been removed from the claims, e.g., "**chime**"/"**delay alarm**" is now simply **chime/delay alarm**. There are no quotation marks around any of these terms in the Specification as originally filed and therefore the presence of the quotation marks ["] in the claims has caused a lack of clarity. Also, "**On**" and **Off**" power **electric switching means** has been replaced with **On/Off power electric switching means** throughout, to be consistent with the Specification. Additionally, all sequential labeling of paragraphs internal to claims (i.e., a, b, c, d, etc.) has been removed.

Claim 1 has been modified to overcome the specific vagueness rejections raised by the Examiner. In particular, referring to lines 20-23, the receiving means is no longer claimed to "activate and deactivate the chime/delay alarm modes electric switch means"; instead the receiving means is claimed to "actuate said selected delay alarm mode or said selected chime mode." This change also eliminates the rejection raised by the Examiner to the lack of clarity in correspondence between "activates and deactivates" and "opening and closing of said door," since the claim as amended now accurately reflects that either the delay alarm mode or the

chime mode, whichever is selected, is actuated (i.e., the appropriate circuitry performs some sort of responsive action) by both the opening and closing of the door. Additionally, referring to lines 2-10 of Claim 1, an antecedent basis has been provided for the "selected" modes of line 21 since the chime/delay alarm modes electric switching means and the On/Off power electric switching means cooperate "to select a delay alarm mode or a chime mode." The corresponding portions of Claim 7 have been similarly modified, as is detailed below.

Claim 1 has further been changed to delete "of said front cover" on line 15 solely for purposes of clarity since those extra words imparted no additional meaning; there is only one manual arming spring-biased "instant lock-alarm" slide means in Claim 1, and therefore this element needs no further qualifier when referring to its antecedent basis on line 11. Further, referring to line 16, the manual arming spring-biased instant lock-alarm slide is now claimed to "actuate" (in place of "effect") the instant lock alarm mode.

Claim 2 has been modified and separated into all or part of three different dependent claims. Lines 6-13 of Claim 2 have been deleted, obviating the rejection raised by the Examiner regarding the lack of "said" before "electric" on line 12. Amended Claim 2 comprises only part "a" of original Claim 2; parts "b" and "c" being deleted from Claim 2 and appearing later in dependent Claim 22 and part of dependent Claim 23, respectively. The relationship of the spring-biased instant lock-alarm slide means to the burglar alarm and door chime is clarified by adding that it is "attached to said front cover" on line 2, by replacing "effect" with "actuate" in reference to the instant audible alarm on line 3, and by replacing "also functions" with "simultaneously slidingly engages" in reference to the jamb plate on lines 4-5. The corresponding portions of Claim 8 have been similarly modified, as is detailed below.

Claim 3 has been modified to overcome the specific vagueness rejections raised by the Examiner. In particular, lines 9-22 have been deleted. Amended Claim 3 comprises only part "a" of original Claim 3; part "b" being deleted from Claim 3 and appearing later as the basis for dependent Claim 21. Further, the lock-alarm slide means has been clarified by the addition of the modifier "spring-biased" on lines 1-2. The interaction of the jamb plate aperture with the slide has been more specifically claimed by addition of the modifier "cooperating" on line 5 and replacing "effect" with "engage" on line 6. The retention of the slide in the unarmed position is more specifically claimed as having stop means "engageable with" the front cover "to retain the slide" on lines 7-8, instead of the slide simply "engaging" the front cover to "effect" the unarmed position. The corresponding portions of Claim 9 have been similarly modified, as is detailed below.

Claim 4 as amended comprises only parts "a" and "b" of original Claim 4; part "c", lines 6-8, have been deleted and appear later as part of the basis for dependent Claim 23. The remaining part of Claim 4 has been modified to overcome the rejections raised by the Examiner. In particular, referring to line 3, "light flashing means" has been changed to "light indicating means." Additionally, the language more clearly states that the light indicating means is responsive to "unarmed, armed, and instant-lock alarm slide positions" of the delay alarm operational mode. The corresponding portions of Claim 10 have been similarly modified, as is detailed below.

Claim 6 has been modified to overcome the specific vagueness rejections raised by the Examiner. In particular, lines 2-3 now refer to "a visual functional indicating means" and "manual testing means." The corresponding portions of Claims 12 and 15 have been similarly modified, as detailed below.

Claim 7, in the same manner as Claim 1, has been modified to overcome the specific vagueness rejections raised by the Examiner. In particular, referring to lines 22-25, the receiving means is no longer claimed to "activate and deactivate the chime/delay alarm modes electric switch means"; instead the receiving means is claimed to "actuate said selected delay alarm mode or said selected chime mode." This change also eliminates the rejection raised by the Examiner to the lack of clarity in correspondence between "activates and deactivates" and "opening and closing of said door," since the claim as amended now accurately reflects that either the delay alarm mode or the chime mode, whichever is selected, is actuated (i.e., the appropriate circuitry performs some sort of responsive action) by both the opening and closing of the door. Additionally, an antecedent basis has been provided for the "selected" modes of line 23 since the chime/delay alarm modes electric switching means and the On/Off power electric switching means are now claimed previously to cooperate "to select a delay alarm mode or a chime mode" on lines 7-8. Additionally, lines 33-38 have been clarified with regard to the cooperation between the audible alarm and chime means and the electrical circuit logic means.

Claim 7 has further been changed, referring to lines 4-6, to provide an antecedent basis for the printed circuit board and to eliminate recitation of "upper and lower and side surfaces ..." as unnecessary elements which were not referred to later in this claim or any claims dependent thereon. In addition, recitation of the power supply means has been moved to line 4 in order to aid the clarification of the aforementioned lines 33-38. Also, "circuit logic means of" has replaced "printed circuit board of said back plate" on lines 21-22 to clarify that the receiving means is electrically connected to the circuit logic and not just mechanically connected to the circuit board.

Claim 8, in the same manner as Claim 2, has been modified and separated into all or part of three dependent claims. Lines 6-13 of Claim 8 have been deleted. Amended Claim 8 comprises only part "a" of original Claim 8; parts "b" and "c" being deleted from Claim 8 and appearing later in dependent Claim 25 and part of dependent Claim 26, respectively. The relationship of the spring-biased instant lock-alarm slide means to the burglar alarm and door chime is clarified by adding that it is "attached to said front cover" on line 2, by replacing "effect" with "actuate" in reference to the instant audible alarm on line 3, and by replacing "also functions" with "simultaneously slidingly engages" in reference the jamb plate on lines 4-5.

Claim 9, in the same manner as Claim 3, has been modified to overcome the specific vagueness rejections raised by the Examiner. In particular, lines 9-21 have been deleted. Amended Claim 9 comprises only part "a" of original Claim 9; part "b" is deleted but appears later as the basis for dependent Claim 24. Further, the lock-alarm slide means has been clarified by the addition of the modifier "spring-biased" on lines 1-2. The interaction of the jamb plate aperture with the slide has been more specifically claimed by addition of the modifier "cooperating" on line 5 and replacing "effect" with "engage" on line 6. The retention of the slide in the unarmed position is more specifically claimed as having stop means "engageable with" the front cover "to retain the slide" on lines 7-8, instead of the slide simply "engaging" the front cover to "effect" the unarmed position.

Claim 10, similarly to Claim 4, as amended comprises only the first portion of original Claim 10; the remainder, extending from line 5 through line 7, has been deleted and instead forms part of the basis for dependent Claim 26. The remaining part of Claim 10 has been modified to overcome the rejections raised by the Examiner. In particular, referring to line 4, "light flashing means" has been changed to "light indicating means." Additionally, the language

more clearly states that the light indicating means is responsive to "unarmed, armed, and instant-lock alarm slide positions of" the delay alarm operational mode. Further, in Claim 10, line 1 has been modified to replace "Said" with "said."

Claim 12, in the same manner as Claim 6, has been modified to overcome the specific vagueness rejections raised by the Examiner. In particular, lines 2-3 now refer to "a visual functional indicating means" and "manual testing means."

Claim 13 has been modified to overcome the specific rejections of the Examiner. In particular, lines 4-7 have been amended to provide earlier recitation of (and thus antecedent basis for) the On/Off power electric switching means and the audible alarm means. Line 3-4 has been modified to clarify the mounting of the electric power supply means to the circuit board. Additionally, lines 9-15 have been reworded for clarity, notably claiming that the spring-biased switching means cooperates with the circuit board to "actuate" (in place of "effect") the instant lock-alarm mode. Lines 16-18 have been moved and modified to provide antecedent basis for the selected operational modes appearing later in lines 28-29 and 43; accordingly lines 36-39 have been deleted as no longer needed. Added lines 19-23 are a more clearly worded version of deleted lines 48-53, relocated to improve the logical flow of the claim. Added lines 34-35 are a more clearly worded version of deleted lines 44-47. Further, the interaction of the jamb plate aperture with the slide has been more specifically claimed in lines 40-43.

Claim 14 has been amended for clarity. In particular, referring to line 2, "light flashing means" has been changed to "light indicating means." Additionally, the language more clearly states that the light indicating means is responsive to "unarmed, pre-armed, armed, and instant-lock alarm operational states." The term "dead-bolt alarm" has been replaced with "lock-alarm" to be consistent with the Specification. Also, the term "pre-armed," as describing an operational

state, may be found in the Specification at Pg 3, Par. [0041] of the Patent Application Publication No. US2001/0030605 A1.

Claim 15, in the same manner as Claim 6, has been modified to overcome the specific vagueness rejections raised by the Examiner. In particular, lines 3-4 now refer to "visual functional indicating means" and "manual testing means," and the relationship of those testing means to the mechanical subassembly is specifically called out.

Claims 16 through 20 have been CANCELLED. While Applicant believes independent Claim 16, and Claims 17-20 dependent thereon, are patentably distinct from the remaining claims in the application based upon the claimed feature of a hollow enclosure, these claims are requested to be cancelled as being redundant to independent Claims 1, 7, 13 and the dependent claims thereon, which Applicant believes adequately cover the features of the invention.

Claim 21 depends from Claim 1 and incorporates the contents of part "b" of original Claim 3. To overcome the Examiner's rejections to the relevant part of original Claim 3, the interaction of the magnetic actuated switch with the delay alarm operation mode now clearly corresponds to the disclosure in that there is a sequence after the chime/delay alarm modes electric switching means and the manual selection mode switching means have been set effecting a pre-arm condition when the door is opened and effecting an armed condition when the door is closed, and activating an audible alarm or chime when the door is opened, depending whether the delay alarm mode or the chime mode has been selected. The corresponding portion of Claim 9 has been similarly modified to become Claim 24, as detailed below.

Claim 22 depends from Claim 21 and incorporates the contents of part "b" of original Claim 2.

Claim 23 depends from Claim 1 and incorporates the contents of part "c" of original Claim 2 and part "c" of original Claim 4.

Claim 24 depends from Claim 7 and incorporates the contents of part "b" of original Claim 9. For Claim 24 as for Claim 21, to overcome the Examiner's rejections to the relevant part of original Claim 9, the interaction of the magnetic actuated switch with the delay alarm operation mode now clearly corresponds to the disclosure in that there is a sequence after the chime/delay alarm modes electric switching means and the manual selection mode switching means have been set effecting a pre-arm condition when the door is opened, effecting an armed condition when the door is closed, and activating an audible alarm or chime when the door is opened, depending on if the delay alarm mode or the chime mode has been selected.

Claim 25 depends from Claim 24 and incorporates the contents of part "b" of original Claim 8.

Claim 26 depends from Claim 7 and incorporates the contents of part "c" of original Claim 8 and the concluding parts of original Claim 10.

No new matter has been added by any of the additional claims as all of the subject matter contained therein was incorporated in the various cited claims and portions of claims, and the Specification and Drawings, as originally filed.

In view of the foregoing amendments, Applicant submits that Claims 1-15, as originally submitted and/or as amended, are believed to overcome all of the technical rejections pursuant to Section 112 made by the Examiner and are believed allowable. New Claims 21-26, incorporating the parts of the identified originally filed claims, are also believed to be allowable

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in view of the appropriate combination of function and elements. Reconsideration of the Claims, as originally submitted and/or as amended, in respectfully requested.

Applicant acknowledges the "prior art" made of record in Par. 6 on page 6 of the *first* OFFICE ACTION without objection.

Applicants also submits herewith a REVOCATION AND APPOINTMENT OF POWER OF ATTORNEY, dated June 28, 2004, appointing the undersigned patent attorney as the attorney of record in this matter. Acknowledgement of this APPOINTMENT is respectfully requested.

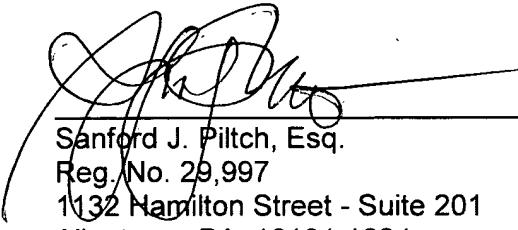
For the reasons set forth above, entry of each of the amendments to the Claims and to the Drawings is respectfully requested. In view of the amendments to the Claims and the foregoing explanation concerning the correction of the claim language to meet all of the grounds of rejection set forth by the Examiner in the most recent OFFICE ACTION, the submission of the Substitute Specification and proposed Drawing corrections, favorable reconsideration of this application and an early NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE is earnestly solicited.

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